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Comment: In Asheville, we have a LPFM station at 103.5 FM. Reception is very limited due to interference from a Knoxville station operating on the same frequency. The Knoxville station serves us no purpose since its programming type is identical to several other local stations and its reception is very unclear. We need contour protection rather than distance separation to address the problem of reception of WPVM.

> Reception across the region is further impeded by the prohibition of translator ownership by WPVM. I urge you to remove this obstacle.

Another impediment to LPFM operation is the unnecessary and not ever valid rule of third channel spacing. I understand your studies also find this spacing to be unnecessary. I support your efforts to remove it.

Finally, I support your efforts to increase LPFM stations operation and viability.

Thank you for your time.

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